November 12, 2012

The regular meeting of the Sidney Public Schools Board of Trustees was held on Monday, November 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM in Room 104 of Central School on published notice by the clerk. Present were Trustees Kelly Dey, Dexter Thiel, Craig Steinbeisser, Dennis Lorenz and Serina Everett. Luann Cooley arrived at 7:10 PM for the committee reports. Also in attendance were Federal Programs/Testing Coordinator- Gary Arnold, High School Assistant Principal- Loretta Thiel, High School Principal- Dan Peters, Middle School Principal- Kelly Johnson and Clerk Beyer. Absent were Superintendent Dan Farr and Sidney Elementary Principal-Sue Andersen.

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Chairwoman Dey called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and welcomed the visitors in attendance- Mark Halvorson, SEA President and Bill VanderWeele with the Sidney Herald. Ms. Dey reminded those in attendance to sign in and stated that an opportunity for community comment on non-agenda items would be provided at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to address the board on agenda items were asked to fill out the Audience Participation form and give it to the clerk to be recognized.

Mr. Lorenz moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 8th and the October 2012 claim warrants 220639 to 220716 in the amount of $826,378.02. Mrs. Everett seconded the motion which passed 5 to 0.

The October 2012 Associated Student Body report and transfers were approved on a motion by Mrs. Everett with a second by Mr. Lorenz. The motion passed on a 5 to 0 vote

From Publications to Resources Unlimited $ 15.00 Gift Certificates

From Talon to Close-up $ 36.00 Refund for empty pop shells

From Athletics to BPA $ 100.00 Help at Divisional Cross Country

From Athletics to Art Club $ 100.00 Eagle Pride on Football Field

From Athletics to Close-up $ 150.00 Work at Double Dual Tourney (VB)

From MS Band to Band Rental $ 850.00 Instrument Rental Fees

**Fall Talon Advisor Pay (Transfer from Talon as follows)**

To BPA $24.00 To Close-up $48.00 To Freshman $39.00

To International Club $24.00 To NHS $15.00 To Softball $12.00

To Sophomores $54.00 To Trading Cards $12.00 To Youth Alive $15.00

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:**

In the absence of Superintendent Farr, Middle School Principal, Kelly Johnson, provided the following information to the Trustees:

- Correspondence included thank-yous via e-mail from many classified staff who received the first quarterly impact stipend the end of October;

- Labor Management Committee has been rescheduled for Thursday, November 15th, due to conflicts with member schedules; and

- Superintendent Farr will be attending the MQEC meeting in Helena on November 26th.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:**

Ashley Bjork represented the Student Council and reported the following:

- Working on a respect video for students – Using the current freshman class as role models – they are the first class to have gone through three years of MBI at the Middle School. They are respectful in the halls and in the classrooms;

- Student Council is working on Thanksgiving and Christmas cheer by offering hot chocolate and cookies to students to communicate the message the Student Council is there for them; and

- Plans for the December Talent Show are underway.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: November 6, 2012***

Mr. Thiel recapped committee discussions:

- New certified staff from the Middle School and High School attended the meeting for introductions;

- Ms. Thiel, High School Vice-Principal, met with the committee to review discipline and pink slips;

- Mr. Hall, Activities Director, stated Sidney Schools has a good history now needs to work on some traditions;

- Vacancies were reviewed; resignations and new hires are on the Consent Agenda; and

- Activity driver wages and bus driver field trips will also be included in the $2.00 Impact Stipend.

***TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: November 6, 2012***

Mr. Steinbeisser imparted the following information on committee agenda items:

- Exterior cameras and driver panic buttons that mark the incident on the tape when pushed by the driver have been installed; and

- Adjustments will be made on synthetic oil changes on the buses. The oil will be changed every 8000 miles rather than 4000 with the filters changed at the 4000 mark.

***BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: November 5, 2012***

Mrs. Everett shared the following information:

- Information garnered from the facility Community Cross-Over event was reviewed. Those in attendance listed utilization of existing buildings rather than build new as a top priority;

- High School project updates:

*- The High School Greenhouse is on order;*

*- Minor repairs on the track are complete. Further repairs will be forthcoming;*

*- The new scoreboard for the football field has not yet been erected; and*

*- The library computer cabinets have been installed and the 200 wing project is now considered complete.*

- Central Elementary project updates:

*- Discussion continues on Phase II of the second floor remodel at Central.*

- Bus Barn project updates:

*- Fire system is partially installed and the District continues to look for a contractor to build the fire walls.*

- The committee reviewed proposed site plans for a school in the JD Subdivision;

- Construction of staff housing is running two and a half weeks behind schedule but is proceeding;

- The lease with the Savage Law Firm will allow them to rent the building until October 2015; and

- MSGIA, our workers compensation carrier, conducted a safety review and three year asbestos review.

***FINANCE COMMITTEE: November 5, 2012***

Mr. Steinbeisser briefed those in attendance on committee discussions:

- The September Fund Balance, Expenditure, Revenue and Lunch reports and October claims were reviewed;

- October count day reported 863 students kindergarten through grade 8 and 402 students- grades 9 through 12;

- The next meeting of the Montana Quality Education Coalition is scheduled for November 26 in Helena;

- Attendance Agreements are on the Consent Agenda;

- The District received word from the state that the 2011 audit corrective action was accepted;

- The District hired by the Richland Economic Development for the upcoming legislative session is Bob Gilbert;

- A donation has been received by Sidney Middle School for a school breakfast program. The request to set up a Middle School Breakfast Account in the Associated Student Body funds is on the Consent Agenda;

- The state minimum wage will increase to $7.80 in January 2013;

- The District received its annual rebate from use of the Mastercard P-Cards sponsored by Montana School Business Officials. The amount received was $1,841.73; and

- The Eagle Foundation update included a new campaign underway in the community.

***CURRICULUM AND POLICY COMMITTEE: November 6, 2012***

Mrs. Everett summarized committee topic discussions:

- During the PIR day on December 10th, professional development for all staff regarding the common core in math and communication arts will be held;

- Mary Jo Brunsvold attended the meeting on behalf of the Rodeo Club to provide information, if needed, regarding their request to become a school club;

- More information will be forthcoming on the Weight Club;

- National Quality Ag Education Survey will take place in November;

- A rough draft of a board self-assessment tool was sent out to Trustees with corrections/suggestions due back this evening; and

- Nothing new on the Montana/North Dakota University System.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Resignations**

- Darci Lawrence – Middle School Assistant Cheer Coach

- Lacey Nevins – Middle School Volleyball Coach

- Kristin Roberts – High School Co-Assistant Cheer/Dance Coach

**New Hires**

- Michelle Lambert – Central Administrative Secretary

- Sarah Reidle – West Side Special Education Aide

- April Sandobal – Middle School Assistant Cheer Coach

- Ruben Moreno – Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

- Jordan Mayer – Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

- Dawn Echols – Title I Tutor

**2012-2013 Attendance Agreements**

Table 1: Attending Sidney Schools

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| **Name** | **Grade** | **Dist. Of Res.** | **Parent Name** | **Request type** |
| ramos, deborah | 6 | Fairview | Lois Garcia | Parent |
| Ramos, Richard | 8 | Fairview | Lois Garcia | Parent |
| Lowrey, Jeremiah | 3 | Fairview | Donna & Steve Lowrey | Parent |
| Anderson, Hannah | 2 | Brorson | Erin Anderson | Parent |
| Larson, Cierra | 5 | Brorson | Shelly Larson | Parent |

**New Associated Student Body account for the Middle School – Middle School Breakfast**

Mr. Lorenz moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Steinbeisser seconded the motion which passed 6 to 0.

**Communication from the public on non-agenda items:** None

With no further business to come before the Trustees, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

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Board Chair

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District Clerk